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- 1. AT DINNER FOR EXIM BOARD MEMBER CLARK FEBRUARY 21, I HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS P.T. BAUD CASE WITH DR. JULIANTO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MINISTRY FINANCE.
- 2. JULIANTO SHOWED DETAILED FAMILIARITY WITH CASE, SUGGESTING THAT CASE HAS BEEN REVIEWED AT HIGH LEVEL WITHIN GOI. HE SAID DECISION TO FORWARD LATEST INDONESIAN REPLY WAS MADE BY MINISTER FINANCE WARDHANA AND JULIANTO DOUBTS IT IS OPEN FOR FURTHER NEGOITIATIONS.
- 3. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER BLUNT RESPONSE IN ANY WAY REPRESENTED INDONESIAN REACTION TO MANNER IN WHICH CASE HAS BEEN PURSUED, JULIANTO SAID RESPONSE WAS BASED ON INDONESIAN READING OF LEGAL POSITION. P.T. BAUD CAMPANY HAD NOT FILED CLAIMS WITHIN DEADLINES PRESCRIBED BY LAW AND THEREBY LOST RIGHT TO CLAIM LAND. THEN JULIANTO PAUSED AND SAID U.S.-INDONESIAN RELATIONS HAVE BEDN VERY CLOSE SINCE COMMUNISTS HERE OVERTURNED AND INDONESIA FINDS IT VERY DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE UNITED STATES WOULD INTERRUPT THIS RELATIONSHIP OVER MATTER OF THIS KIND. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. IN RESPONSE, I SAID USG HAD NO DESIRE INTERRUPT RELATIONSHIP BUT TIS CASE CAME UP AT TIME OF SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES OVER AID AND OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING ATTITUDE TOWARD INDONESIA IN CONRESS. NATIONALIZATIONS WERE SENSITIVE SUBJECT IN BOTH EXECUTIVE AND CONGRESS AND UNRESOLVED ISSUE OR ISSUE INADEQUATELY RESOLOVED AN CAUSE PROBLEMS UNDER SUCH CIRECUMSTANCES. USG DOES NOT, IN SUCH CASES, SEEK TO JUDGE MERITS. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, TWO PARTIES ARE OBVIOUSLY FAR APART AND HAVE NOT, IN MY JUDGMENT, REALLY MADE HONEST EFFORT TO THRASH OUT DIFFICULTIES IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS. I SAID WE HAD PROBABLY NOT HEARD LAST OF CASE SINCE SULLIVAN VERY UNHAPPY WITH INDONESIAN REPLY. I NOTED THAT CLARK OF EXIM COULD CONFIRM TYPES OF PROBLEMS CREATED AND CLARK AGREED. JULIANTO DID NOT COMMENT AND WE PASSED ON TO OTHER SUBJECTS.

5. COMMENT: CONVERSATION WITH JULIANTO APPEARS CONFIRM MY FEELING THAT DOOR IS NOT TOTALLY CLOSED PROVIDED WE CAN FIND NEW APPROACH.

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